

United Women In Faith Features



SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to our DUMC United Women in Faith newsletter for the 2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2023. The Circles have enjoyed a productive 2023 of serving our community with love, growing in the Spirit, and fellowshiping along the way.

Highlights in this issue include our Circles serving during the Lenten season, as well as church and community service projects.

To learn more about our UWF Circles at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, please visit our church website at www.dunwoodyumc.org/women.

UWF Mission: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

UWF Vision: Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

UWF Purpose: To be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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Dunwoody UWF Circle Members organized lunches during Holy Week services

SERVING IN LOVE—

LENTEN LUNCHES

Thank you to all of our Circles who served lunch to the congregation during Lent.

Members from several UWF Circles participated in preparing and serving lunch during Holy Week following our daily Lenten service.

We believe love in action can change the world.





Heart and Home Circle members participating in The Sandwich Project

CIRCLES SERVING THE CHUCH AND THE COMMUNITY

- **VBS Preparation** The Family Living Giving, Working Women's Network, Tapestry, New Horizons in Christ, and Heart and Home Circles worked on projects to get ready for Vacation Bible School.
- **Learning about DUMC Missions** Tapestry and Working Women Network both met with Missions Coordinator Sean Penn to learn more about missions at DUMC during Q2.
- **Tapestry** made sandwiches for [The Sandwich Project](#)
- **Bible Study Circle** has gathered 50+ gifts for the New Baby Ministry and they are continuing to send birthday cards to [Murphy Harpst Children's Centers](#).
- **Wellroot** Our circles had the opportunity to support [Wellroot](#) with donations to help foster families toward clothing purchases.

We are connectional because together, we can do more to make a difference in our lives, communities and world, particularly for women, children, and youth.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER: The CAC has been furnished with food, clothes, appliances, etc. by our UWF Circles. Many UWF members also volunteer their time working at the CAC.

LEAST COIN: Collected by each UWF Circle and goes to Church Women United for needs throughout the world. It is done in cooperation with all other church women of the world and signifies the least amount given as being important.

MURPHY HARPST CHILDREN'S CENTERS: Publix commitment cards are available to support the Centers. Gifts for the children are collected at the annual Green and White Banquet.

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT: The District designates a social action project which DUWF will support through its gifts, time and prayers.

WELLROOT FAMILY SERVICES WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Supported by donations at the annual Green and White Banquet



Decorations for VBS 2023



Tapestry UWF creating props for VBS

QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT–

NEW HORIZONS IN CHRIST IN THE HOLY LAND

Visiting the Lands of the Bible and exploring our spiritual heritage is an exciting way to learn more about our faith and those who came before us. Dunwoody UMC sponsors several faith-based trips each year to see first-hand the lands that Jesus walked and the places he taught.

Led by our clergy, these trips are supported by a professional travel firm and are open to members and the community.

Members of our New Horizons in Christ UWF Circle had a chance to visit the Holy Land in April 2023.



Members of New Horizons In Christ in the Holy Land

CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT– TAPESTRY

The Tapestry UWF Circle is open to all ladies who seek to connect through fellowship, learning, and acts of service. The Tapestry Circle has been busy in 2023, with highlights including serving the church by learning about DUMC Missions and supporting the children's ministry in preparing Easter bags and VBS decorations. Tapestry also served the community by creating blessing bags for residents of Wesley Woods as part of Great Day of Service, and made sandwiches for [The Sandwich Project](#). They also supported the Georgia Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by attending participating in the Deaf Awareness ticket package at an Atlanta Braves game. In addition, the ladies enjoyed making Christmas decorations and hosting other social events.

For more information on Tapestry, please reach out to Kristin Eaton at keatonunc@yahoo.com or Amanda Latham at amnlatham@yahoo.com



Participating in Great Day of Service



Attending a Braves Game Supporting Georgia Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Making Sandwiches for the Sandwich Project



Members of Tapestry with Mary Frances Bowley (founder of Wellspring Living) at the 2022 Green and White Banquet

UWF CIRCLE INFORMATION

United Women in Faith of DUMC minister to the needs and interests of women in our church family. By doing so, we provide opportunities for both personal growth and service. There will be at least one mission study each calendar year, which will be open to all members of DUWF and the community at large. A nursery is provided (with reservations) at the church for the use of all Circles and any events held in the morning.

The present DUMC Circles are as follows:

Bible Study- This group provides members with a time to enrich their study of the Bible. Lessons presented by various leaders give them closeness of fellowship and help them in dedicating their services through UWF. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. Typical Members: Senior women 70s +
Contact: Betty Moreland (btmoreland@bellsouth.net)

Family Living & Giving- This group is composed of women who are experiencing empty-nests, retiring from careers, enjoying grandchildren, caring for aging parents, and supporting women who have already experienced those life-changing events. This active circle participates in many service projects within Dunwoody UMC and in the community at large. After a business meeting and program, the group enjoys a light lunch and social time. Typical Members: Married & Single women in their 60's & 70's
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Gracetime -UWF circle for young adult women. We gather for fellowship and to spotlight unique and creative ways to give back. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. Contact DUMCYA@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/DUMCYA to check out our latest project and get added to our GroupMe. Typical Members: Young adult women.
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Heart and Home- Our members are moms with children primarily college students or young adults. We strive to build supportive friendships with one another and to help each other as we nurture our faith and our families. We typically meet during the school year on the 3rd Wednesday of each month typically at 4:30 pm. Several times a year we do offsite or onsite service projects or volunteer work. We also support the church in a variety of ways, such as helping with the Holy 16 Week lunches and making casseroles for the Holiday Festival. Visitors are welcome. Typical Members: Mom's in their 40's to 60's with older children – predominantly college age and young adults.
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New Horizons in Christ- This is a group for women with adult children, grandchildren and aging parents. Monthly meetings are geared toward service projects to help families. Meetings are held on different days and nights depending on the service activity, but are generally in the morning. We also meet for a variety of social events throughout the year, and these events typically occur in the evening. We have found that this flexible schedule helps our participation. Typical Members: Women in their 50's & 60's that are empty nesters with aging parents.
Contact: Sharon Conway (conway4@bellsouth.net)

Serving & Sharing- A group of women who gather for fellowship, spiritual growth, and an opportunity to explore group projects which support the missions of our church. We enjoy thought provoking programs designed to increase our awareness of opportunities to enhance our spiritual life and to serve. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Young Adult Suite at DUMC. We warmly welcome visitors and new members. Typical Members: Senior ladies in their 70's & 80's
Contact: Ann Stone (annlstone@bellsouth.net) or Betty Ringley (bringley1@gmail.com)

Tapestry- This is a group for all women. Monthly meetings are geared toward service projects, education and spiritual growth, or service and fellowship. We meet once a month on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Typical Members: The Tapestry Circle welcomes all ladies who seek to connect through fellowship, learning and acts of service.
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Working Women's Network- This is a circle for women who did or do work outside the home . We enjoy educational programs by outside speakers and participating in group projects. Members are involved in many areas of service within and outside of DUMC. Typical Members: Working and/or retired women in their 50's, 60's & 70's
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